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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6435

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FBO FOR SWAN AND ALSPAUGH

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD GH

SUBJ: NEW CHANCERY SITE

REF: (A) ACCRA 939, (B) ACCRA 940

1. LAMPTEY CALLED ACTING DCM LATE LAST EVENING TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSIONER BAAH AND SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OTOO ON TEXT OF NOTE WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN REF (B).

2. HE SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN NRC APPROVAL WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD BUT HE FELT, AS DID HIS SUPERIORS, THAT NRC APPROVAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE FUTURE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHEN AND IF SUCH APPROVAL WAS OBTAINED USG WOULD RESPOND ACCEPTING OFFER "SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS".

3. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF NOTE FOLLOWS GENERALLY TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTED BY EMBASSY TO SOWA ON DEC 19 WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES (IN ADDITION TO "SUBJECT TO NRC APPROVAL"):

A. CLAUSE 3 ADDS "APPOINTED BY THE TWO SIDES".

B. CLAUSE 4 SUBSTITUTES "COULD BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANCY" FOR "IS AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANCY".

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C. CLAUSE 5 REFERS TO "AGREED VALUATION" WHERE OUR AIDE

MEMOIRE HAD USED "SURVEYED VALUATION".

4. WE FIND NO PROBLEM WITH EITHER A OR C IN PRCEDING PARAGRAPH AND ASSUME DIFFERENCE IN WORDING IN B WILL NOT CAUSE PROBLEM AS WE HAVE CONTINUALLY MADE CLEAR TO MFA (1) THAT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR INTIRE ARRANGEMENT TO BE SET IN MOTION, AND (2) A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM TIME OF ACQUISITON OF NEW PLOT TO OCCUPANCY OF NEW BUILDING.

5. MFA NOTE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO PROPOSAL FOR PLOT FOR MSG RESIDENCE WHICH WAS MENTIONED TO MINISTRY FOR FIRST TIME YESTERDAY. REQUEST REPLY PARAGRAPH 4 REF (A).

6. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES, EMBASSY WILL RESPOND TO MFA BY NOTE IN WHICH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

" THE EMBASSY IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE MINISTRY'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA OF THE PRESENT CHANCERY SITE AND THE PROVISION OF A NEW SITE FOR A CHANCERY UNDER THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE UNDER REFERENCE. THE SITE TO BE PROVIDED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO 266 DATED DECEMBER 10, 1974, AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE NOTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DATED DECEMBER 19, 1974 WITH REFERENCE SCR.PR/IM/LE VOL 4. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL IS REQUIRED AND HOPES THAT SUCH APPROVAL WILL BE FORTH-COMING AT AN EARLY DATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT IT WILL INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHANCERY BUILDING IN ACCRA IN ITS APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE EMBASSY WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE MINISTRY WHEN SUCH APPROVAL IS OBTAINED. AS THE MINISTRY IS AWARE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PROJECTS."

7. REPLY BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM IS REQUESTED.
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